

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 9TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, at Annapolis, Maryland on Tuesday, November 9th, 1937.

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

Mr. Thomas B. R. Mudd, Chairman of the Maryland Veterans' Commission, and a delegation, including General Milton A. Reckord, Major Robert H. Archer, Major Harwood and Major Wolman, appeared before the Board, in connection with the use of an unexpended balance to the credit of the Veterans' Relief Appropriation at September 30th, 1935 for use in the fiscal years 1938 and 1939, for certain expenses to be incurred in connection with services to be rendered in behalf of Veterans.

After discussion of the necessity for continuing the work on behalf of Veterans in securing for them disability compensation and other considerations to which they are entitled, the Board agreed that <sup>when</sup> the Maryland Veterans' Commission shall have presented to the Comptroller a statement satisfactory to him to the effect that the balance at September 30th, 1935 is necessary in connection with commitments incurred during the fiscal year 1935, the Board would then advise the Comptroller to make the money available to the Commission.

*Dept. of  
Employ. Security*

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The Secretary presented to the Board for approval a lease between the Maryland Re-employment Service and Frank Thomas and I. M. Parsons, covering space to be used by Maryland Re-employment Service in the Hurst Building at the N.W. Corner of Hopkins Place and Lombard Street, Baltimore, the space consisting of the entire first floor and the basement of the building, at an annual rental of \$10,800.00, plus repairs which are to be amortized over a period of three years, the rent for the first three years of the lease being at the rate of \$1580.00 per month, and for the remaining two years at \$900.00 per month, with the right of the State to renew the lease for another term of 5 years at the annual rental of \$10,800.00, payable in monthly installments of \$900.00.

The Board approved the lease.

*State  
Records*

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. William B. Marye, Corresponding Secretary, Maryland Historical Society, relative to transferring from the State Tobacco Warehouse to the Maryland Historical Society some old tobacco records, the Society accepting the records as a loan to the Maryland Historical Society Library.

The Board approved the transfer of the records as indicated in the correspondence.

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The Board approved the purchase of the property as outlined in the foregoing letter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Samuel E. Shannahan, Chairman of the Board of State Aid and Charities, dated October 18th, 1937, relative to an award made by the State Industrial Accident Commission in favor of Joseph Henry Turner, who was injured while employed by the Maryland Transient Bureau and the Maryland Federal Relief Administration.

The Board was of the opinion that it was without authority to enter into any agreement or settlement with Mr. Turner, and that any redress, which might be available to him would have to come from the General Assembly.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 18th, 1937, from the State Department of Health, suggesting that provision be made in the State Office Building for the office of the Deputy State Health Officer in Annapolis.

The Board agreed that this matter should be considered at a later date, when more definite plans were available as to the site and the size building to be erected.

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the State Comptroller's Office, for the fiscal year 1937, to adjust several items in that budget, which required an amendment.

The Board approved an amendment to the Budget of the Eastern Shore State Hospital for the fiscal year 1937, adjusting several items in that budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph C. McElusker*  
Secretary.

*Cheltenham  
School for Boys*

The Secretary advised the Board that there had been duly executed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 70, of the Acts of 1937 a deed conveying the property of the House of Reformation at Cheltenham to the State.

The Board voted to accept the deed under the terms of the Act mentioned.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Anne Arundel County Welfare Board, relative to space in the proposed new State Office Building.

The Board deferred any action in the matter until a later date, when more definite plans for the building would be decided upon.

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The following letter, dated November 8th, 1937, from the State Roads Commission, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

November 8th, 1937.

To the Honorable  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

The State Roads Commission requests the allocation of funds from the State Bond Issue for Flood Relief, in the amount of \$7,705.00, for repairs to the bridge on the Dublin-Macton Road in Harford County, which was damaged by the storm in the summer of 1935, and further damaged in the storm in July 1937.

These funds are requested to make repairs to the foundations. Unless these repairs are made, this bridge will have to be closed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. E. Tabler,  
Chairman.

HET:HMR

The request contained in the foregoing letter, was duly approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mrs. Adelbert Warren Mears, relative to the Confederate Women's Home. The Board was advised that there is no appropriation available to continue the payments which have heretofore been made to the Confederate Women's Home because of the fact that there is no appropriation in the new budget for the Maryland Line Confederate Soldier's Home out of which payment has heretofore been made for the Confederate Women's Home.

The Secretary was directed to write to Mrs. Mears and advise her the situation.

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*St. Dept. of  
Public Welfare*

The Board approved an amendment for the fiscal year 1938 for the budget provided for the Board of State Aid and Charities, Public Assistance Division, the amendment being dated November 3rd, 1937, and resulting in the transfer of \$80.00 from item no. 7 to item no. 4.

*St. Exam. Bds.*

The Board approved amendment dated October 26th, 1937, to the Budget of the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors for the years 1938 and 1939, involving the transfer of \$280.00 from Miscellaneous Expense items to item no. 9, covering salaries of Film Examiners and Measurers.

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The following letter dated November 2nd, 1937 from the State Roads Commission, was read and considered-

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

November 2, 1937.

To the Honorable  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The State Roads Commission presents to your Board a request for application of funds from the State Bond Issue for Flood Relief for 1936, in the amount of \$1300.00 for the rebuilding of necessary falsework supporting the bridge over the Potomac River connecting Keyser, West Virginia and McCool, Maryland.

The flood, during the last week of October, 1937, carried away a portion of the falsework and it was necessary that traffic be discontinued. Until replaced serious hindrance to traffic will occur.

It is expected that the State Road Commission of West Virginia - as in the past - will bear one-half the cost mentioned above and when this reimbursement is made, this account will be so credited.

Your favorable action on this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. E. Tabler,  
Chairman.

HET:VT

The request contained in the foregoing letter was duly approved.

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The Board approved a budget amendment for the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1937 in which unused balances in various items were transferred to an item which would make the money available for structures, the money being necessary to reinforce the balcony at the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, which has been declared unsafe in its present condition by the buildings engineer.

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The following letter dated November 3rd, 1937, from the State Forester, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

November 3, 1937.

The Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of approximately 800 acres from Charles F. White, of Oakland, Garrett County, at \$1.25 per acre, to be added to the Savage River State Forest.

This tract lies on the east side of the Savage River, in Garrett County, and borders the existing Savage River State Forest. The land is all wooded, but the merchantable timber on the tract is reserved and is now being cut, under a five year agreement, which accounts for the low price of the land. The tract is very desirable for State forest purposes, ties in well with our existing land and is fully recommended for purchase.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

FWB/p

The request contained in the foregoing letter was duly approved.

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The following letter dated November 3rd, 1937, from the State Forester, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

November 3, 1937

The Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of approximately 47 acres of land, at \$65.00 per acre, from Armus McDonald, of Baltimore County, for an important addition to the Patapsco State Forest.

This tract borders the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad right-of-way and fills in an important gap in the present Patapsco State Park. It will enable us to connect by roadway the important Glenartney recreational area with the Sante area and also be an important addition because of its scenic and recreational value to the two areas mentioned. There is a two-story frame house and barn on the property which add somewhat to its value and can be used by the Department for residence for a patrolman. The price per acre is approximately the same as was paid for the last tract purchased a few months ago in the

vicinity of Orange Grove, a quarter of a mile further up the river. It is considered an excellent purchase to make, at reasonable cost, and I request the necessary approval.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,  
State Forester.

FWB/p

The request contained in the foregoing letter was duly approved.

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The following letter dated October 28th, 1937, from the State Roads Commission, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

October 28, 1937.

Mr. J.O. McCusker,  
Chief Deputy Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

I am setting forth below, details of expenditures made from County and State Funds, for repairs necessary due to flood damage of the past year:

County Fund Control - Budget Account "02"

A-144X10-62	Allegany County	\$ 1,942.39
C-71X11-82	Calvert County	362.12
C1-125X17-52	Carroll County	8,362.78
Ce-149X39-42	Cecil County	8,212.82
Ch-149X10-82	Charles County	1,147.04
F-219X9-52	Frederick County	16,395.50
G-94X32-62	Garrett County	1,272.35
Ho-138X4-32	Howard County	6,263.81
M-257X13-32	Montgomery County	691.16
P-267X44-82	Prince George's Co.	5,340.24
SM-121X13-82	St. Mary's County	3,181.67
W-132X9-62	Washington County	4,723.90
Total		<u>57,895.78</u>

Reconstruction Fund - Budget Account "01"

B-376X411	July Storms	\$ 5,327.45
Ce-189X411	"	3,332.52
H-222X411	"	<u>8,746.09</u>
Total		<u>\$ 17,406.06</u>

Reconstruction Fund - Budget Account "01"

A-213X611	April Storms	\$ 4,941.18
AA-231X311	"	20,975.35
C-88X811	"	2,781.41
C1-183X511	"	<u>6,123.74</u>

Reconstruction Fund (continued)

Ch-174X811	April Storms	\$ 4,098.99
F-285X511	"	14,270.79
G-131X611	"	2,899.31
Ho-174X311	"	7,642.85
M-300X311	"	2,170.53
P-327X811	"	9,282.85
SM-168X811	"	3,013.12
W-220X611	"	2,536.25
Total		\$ 80,736.37

Will you be good enough to credit the respective accounts shown above, with the sums expended to September 30, 1937, from Flood Relief Funds - Sale of State Bond Issue.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. A. Codd,

Chief Auditor.

ASG:ILBM

The request contained in the foregoing letter, was duly approved.

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The Board approved payment out of the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936, the sum of \$304.90, being expenses incurred by the Maryland National Guard in connection with the flood conditions in Western Maryland.

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The Board approved an amendment dated November 4th, 1937, Eastern Shore State Hospital, fiscal year 1938, covering salary of Painter, in the amount of \$660.00, the amount being transferred from item no. 23.

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The Board considered for approval the Budget of the University of Maryland, for the fiscal year 1938.

The Secretary was instructed to secure from Dr. Byrd a statement in connection with salary restorations, giving explanation as to why certain restorations were not made.

The Board will give the matter further consideration after receipt of the statement.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph O. Mccluskey*  
Secretary.